

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for extracting ATP from a biological sample, comprising:
 - a) introducing a cationic extractant and an anionic substance; and
 - b) extracting said ATP.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said anionic substance is selected from the group consisting of sulfate ion and SDS.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said sulfate ion is in a form of a magnesium salt.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said magnesium salt is magnesium sulfate.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein said magnesium sulfate is present in an amount of about 0.0001 μg to about 0.4 μg .
6. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein said anionic substance is SDS in an amount of about 0.0001 μg to about 0.5 μg .
- 7.-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) A reagent for extracting ATP from a biological sample, comprising a cationic extractant and an anionic substance.
11. (Original) The reagent of Claim 10, further comprising luciferin, luciferase and magnesium.
12. (Original) A test device comprising the reagent of Claim 10 dried onto a solid carrier material.
13. (Original) A test device comprising the reagent of Claim 11 dried onto a solid carrier material.
14. (Original) The reagent of Claim 10, wherein said cationic extractant is benzalkonium chloride.